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# BEFORE THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation
Against
FAN HUANG
649 5TH Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94118
Certified Public Accountant
Certificate No. CPA72304
Respondent.

) No. AC-97-424
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STIPULATION FOR
SETTLEMENT AND
DECISION OF
THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
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Respondent.

#### STIPULATION

Complainant, Carol Sigmann, is the Executive Officer of the California State Board of Accountancy (the "board") by and through her attorneys, Daniel E. Lungren, Attorney General of the State of California, by and through Michael R. Granen, Deputy Attorney General and Respondent Fan Huang, by and through her attorneys Law Offices of Jerrold M. Ladar, Jerrold M. Ladar and Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller & Naylor, LLP by Vigo G. Nielsen, Jr., hereby stipulate as follows:

- 1. The Board acquired jurisdiction over respondent by reason of the filing of accusation AC-97-424 accompanying this stipulation, which is attached and incorporated by reference and receipt of which is acknowledged and service accepted by respondent.
- 2. Respondent has read and understands the charges in the Accusation and has been fully advised of her rights in this matter by her attorneys, including, but not limited to the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations and all other rights which may be accorded to Respondent pursuant to the California Administrative Procedure Act and the laws of the State of California.
- 3. Respondent understands that in signing this Stipulation she is waiving her rights as set forth herein and enabling the Board to adopt this Stipulation as its decision without further process.
- 4. For purposes of this proceeding and any subsequent proceedings by or between the Board and Respondent, and for no other purpose or proceeding, Respondent admits the truth of the allegations set forth in the Accusation.
- 5. Respondent understands that this Stipulation is subject to adoption or rejection by the Board. If the Stipulation is not
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adopted by the Board it shall not have any force or effect except the non-disqualification provisions contained paragraph shall remain in full force and effect. It is understood by Respondent that, in deciding whether or not to adopt this Board receive oral and written Stipulation, the may communications from its staff, experts, attorneys or others. Such communications shall not disqualify the Board, staff, experts, attorneys, or others from further participation in this or other matters affecting respondent.

6. Based on the admissions and waivers set forth herein, Respondent stipulates that the Board may issue the following disciplinary order:

#### ORDER

Certified Public Accountant Certificate No. CPA 72304 issued to Fan Huang is revoked. Respondent's certificate shall be reinstated by the Board under the following terms and conditions upon Respondent's filing of a petition on or after July 1, 1999:

- A. Respondent shall re-take and pass all parts of the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination and take and pass the Ethics Examination;
- B. Respondent may take any portion of the Uniform
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Certified Public Accountant Examination and/or Ethics Examination at any time beginning with the effective date of the Board's Decision adopting this Stipulation for Settlement;

- C. Respondent shall not have engaged in any conduct which would be cause to deny her licensure;
- D. Respondent's CPA certificate shall be reinstated as follows: Certified Public Accountant Certificate No. CPA 72304 issued to Fan Huang is revoked, however, said revocation is stayed and respondent is placed on probation for a period of three years from reinstatement, under the following terms and conditions:
- 1. Respondent shall obey all federal, California, other states' and local laws, including those rules relating to the practice of public accountancy in California.
- 2. Respondent shall submit, within 10 days of completion of the quarter, written reports to the Board on a form obtained from the Board. The Respondent shall submit, under penalty of perjury, such other written reports, declarations, and verification of actions as are required. These declarations shall contain statements relative to respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Respondent shall

immediately execute all release of information forms as may be required by the Board of its representatives.

In the event respondent should leave California to reside or practice outside this state, respondent must notify the Board in writing of the dates of departure and return. Periods of non-California residency or practice outside the state shall apply to reduce the probationary period. No obligation imposed herein, including requirements to file written reports, shall be suspended or otherwise affected by such periods of out-of-state residency or practice, except at the written direction of the Board.

- 3. Respondent shall, during the period of probation, appear in person at interviews/meetings as directed by the Board or its designated representatives, provided such notification is accomplished in a timely manner.
- 4. Respondent shall fully comply with the terms and conditions of probation imposed by the Board and shall cooperate fully with representatives of the Board of Accountancy in its monitoring and investigation of respondent's compliance with probation terms and conditions.
  - 5. Respondent shall be subject to, and shall permit,

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- 6. Respondent shall comply with all final orders resulting from citations issued by the Board of Accountancy.
- 7. If respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed, revoking respondent's CPA license. If an accusation or a petition to revoke probation is filed against respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.
- F. Upon successful completion of probation the license shall be fully restored.
- G. This order does not prohibit respondent from filing a petition for reinstatement or reduction of penalty as provided for by the Administrative Procedure Act (Gov. Code Section 11522), however, the filing of a petition for reinstatement or reduction of penalty prior to July 1, 1999, shall be an election by respondent to permanently waive reinstatement under the

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#### WAIVER

I HAVE READ THE ACCUSATION AND STIPULATION AND ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE UNDERSTOOD BY ME AND THE TERMS OF THIS STIPULATION ARE AGREEABLE AND ACCEPTABLE TO ME. MY ATTORNEYS, JERROLD M. LADAR AND VIGO G. NIELSEN, JR. ARE AUTHORIZED BY ME TO SIGN THE STIPULATION FOR SETTLEMENT AND DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN RIGHTS ACCORDED TO ME BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11500 ET SEO.) INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO A HEARING ON THE CHARGES AND ALLEGATIONS IN THE ACCUSATION, THE RIGHT TO CONFRONT AND CROSS EXAMINE WITNESSES WHO WOULD TESTIFY AGAINST ME, THE RIGHT TO TESTIFY MYSELF TO CONTEST THE CHARGES AND ALLEGATIONS, THE RIGHT TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD'S DECISION AND THE RIGHT TO SEEK REVIEW OF THAT DECISION BY THE COURTS. I UNDERSTAND THAT IN SIGNING THIS STIPULATION RATHER THAN CONTESTING THE ACCUSATION, I AM ENABLING THE BOARD TO ISSUE AN ORDER IMPOSING UPON ME THE CONDITIONS RECITED HEREIN WITHOUT FURTHER PROCESS OR PROCEEDINGS. I KNOWINGLY AND INTELLIGENTLY WAIVE ALL OF THE ABOVE RIGHTS AND ANY OTHER RIGHTS WHICH MAY BE ACCORDED TO ME BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT OR OTHER LAWS.

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DATED: June 6, 1997

FAN HUANG Respondent

## DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

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Department of Consumer Affairs, hereby adopts the above Stipulation as its decision in this matter.

The Board of Accountancy of the State of California,

Dated: <u>July 25</u>, 1997

Board of Accountancy of the State of California

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Title: \_Board President

Effective Date: August 24 , 1997.

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No. AC-97-424

ACCUSATION

# PARTIES

- Complainant, Carol Sigmann, is the Executive Officer of the California State Board of Accountancy (hereinafter the "board") and brings this accusation solely in her official capacity.
- On or about November 15, 1996, Certified Public Accountant Certificate No. CPA 72304 was issued by the board to Fan HUANG (hereinafter "respondent"), and thereafter said license has been in full force and effect.

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### STATUTES AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

3. Sections 5100 and 496 of the California Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "Code") provide in pertinent part, that after notice and hearing the board may revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any permit or certificate of a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Public Accountant (PA) for unprofessional conduct, which includes willful violation of any provision of the Accountancy Act or Board Rule. Sections 498 and 123(b) of the Code provide that the Board may deny, suspend, revoke or otherwise restrict a license on the grounds that a licensee subverted licensing examinations or secured a license by fraud or deceit.

## CHARGES AND ALLEGATIONS

4. Respondent, while an applicant for licensure, took the Business Law and Professional Responsibilities (LPR) section of the exam on May 8, 1996 at Oakland, California and on May 9, 1996 took the Financial Accounting and Reporting (FARE) section of the exam at Oakland, California.

Respondent subverted the examination by copying answers from other examinees in both the LPR and FARE sections of the examination.

5. Respondent received a passing score on the LPR and FARE portions of the examination. Respondent had previously received passing scores on the other two sections of the examination, Auditing (AUDIT) and Accounting and Reporting (ARE). Following

the May exam respondent was notified that she had passed the examination and licensed as a certified public accountant.

6. Respondent's alleged conduct constitutes a violation of Sections 5100, 5100(b) and (f), subversion of the licensing examination in violation of §§ 123 and 498 of the Code.

wherefore, the complainant requests that a hearing may be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following said hearing, the Board issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking certified public accountant certificate Number CPA 72304, heretofore issued to respondent Fan Huang;
- 2. Taking such other and further action as the Board deems proper.

DATED: July 25, 1997

CAROL SIGMANN
Executive Officer
Board of Accountancy

Department of Consumer Affairs

Complainant

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